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kilometer minimum distance separation prescribed by our Rules, Community reasoned that Channel 39 would therefore be unusable in Los Angeles. Consequently, it concluded that use of Channel 39 in Bakersfield could be permitted. The staff found, however, that the addition of a Bakersfield station using an allotment that is 101.3 miles from the Los Angeles reference point and 96.0 miles from Mt. Wilson, would make Channel 39 significantly less attractive for possible ATV use in Los Angeles.

The matters raised previously are again before the Commission in Community's petition for reconsideration. Your letter has been made part of the record in the pending reconsideration request. Please be assured that the Commission will thoroughly review the staff's action and the points raised

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November 14, 1989

Mr. Alfred Sikes, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: File No. BPET-881012KE

Dear Mr. Sikes:

I understand that Community Television of Southern California, licensed operator of KCET Channel 28 in Los Angeles, has filed an application to construct a new non-commercial educational television station to broadcast on Channel 39 in Bakersfield. I also understand that the FCC has declined to consider that application because of a freeze designed to protect frequencies for possible use by advanced television, and that KCET has petitioned for reconsideration of that decision.

KCET has admirably served the many communities in the Los Angeles area for 25 years. You and I are well aware of the benefits public television confers on the areas where it is available, and unnecessary to reiterate those here.

Bakersfield, California is a large, growing community who only access to public television is by cable. But not everyone can afford cable; nor is cable available to all. Large groups of people can be enriched by public television only if it is available over-the-air. I urge you to assist KCET in whatever way you can bring its valuable broadcast service to the people of Bakersfield who have been without an educational television station far too long.

The need is there, and no harm will be done to advanced television. Please allow the residents of Kern County to experience the benefits of public television that we in the Los Angeles have long enjoyed.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

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Sincerely

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